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Dear Mr. Morgan,

Herewith I send a little pamphlet which  
I have just published, and which I trust  
will not be altogether without interest to  
you. If you are <sup>and do not think the problem too unimportant</sup> fit, you could append it  
to the list of my publications in your  
forthcoming Handbook of Canadian Biogeography.

Yours faithfully,  
Harry Pier.  

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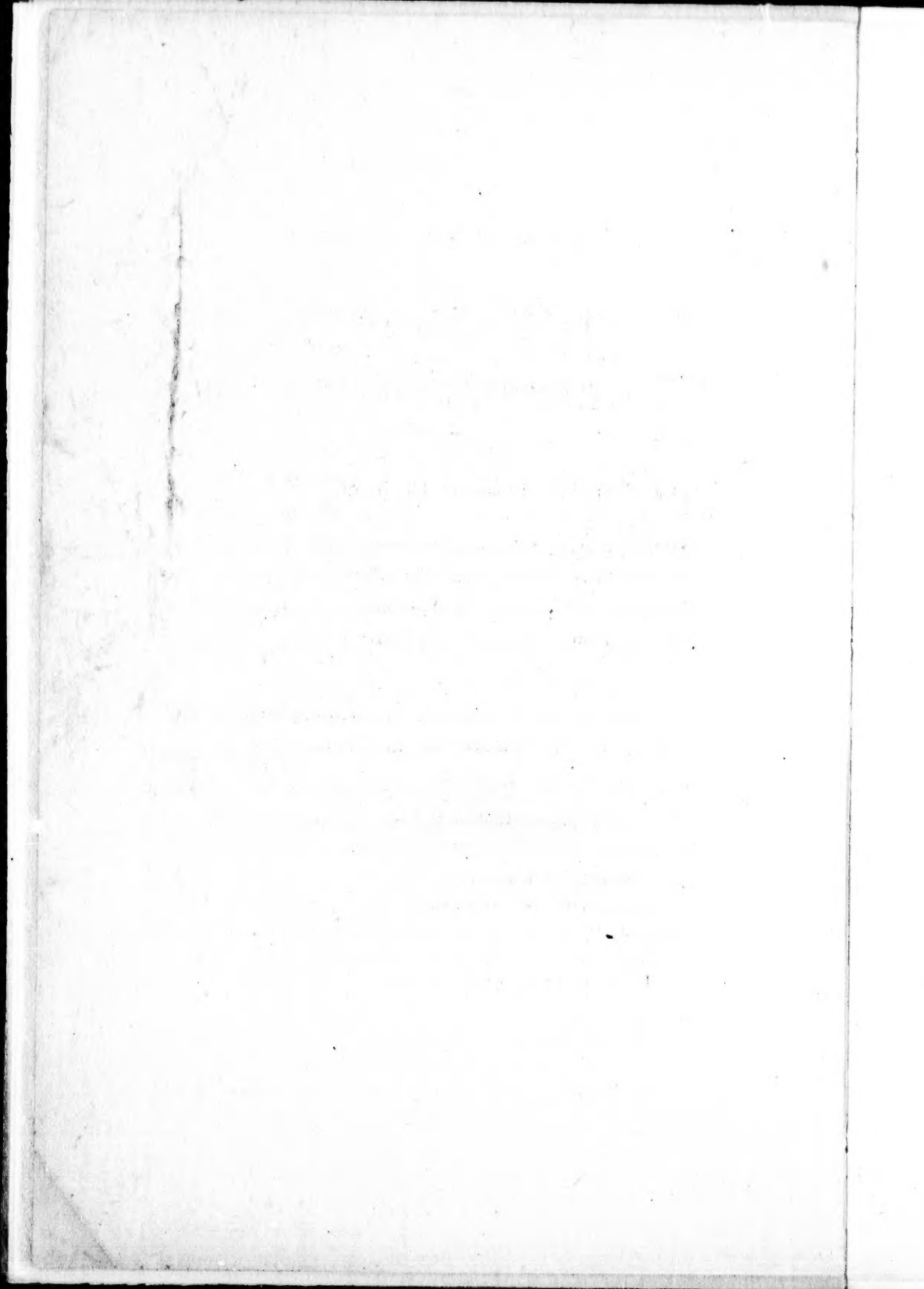
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THE following list of events connected with the history of an important portion of the county of Halifax, N. S., has been prepared with the hope that it may prove convenient for general reference. As far as possible, the dates have been carefully verified by consulting original manuscript records, files of old newspapers, etc.

Any who wish to gain a better knowledge of the history of the locality than is furnished in this epitome, should read Mrs. Lawson's work on the three townships, which has been lately published.

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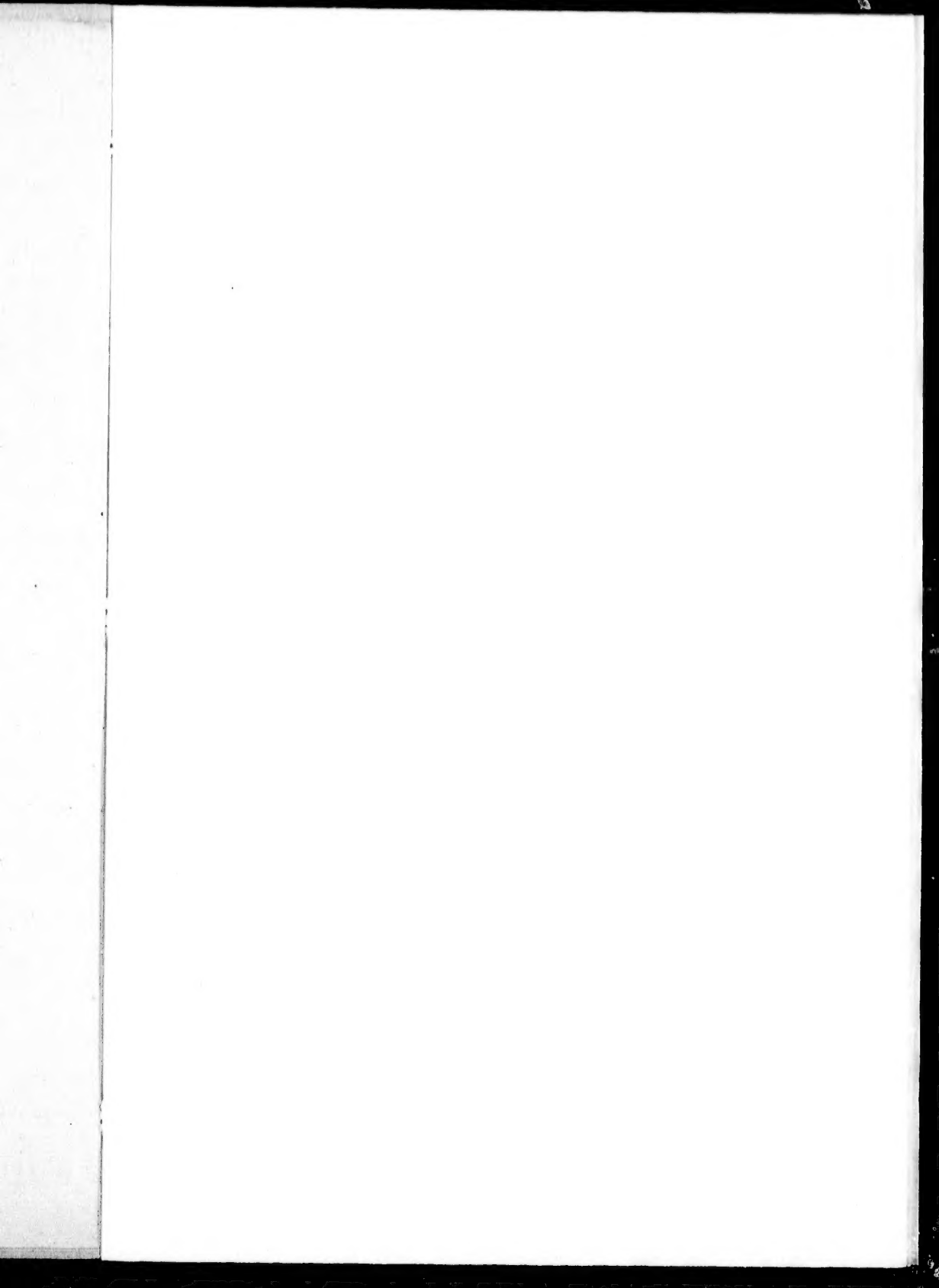
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Duc d'Anville arrived at Chebucto..	10 Sept., 1746
Halifax founded .....	21 June, 1749
Indians attacked 6 men at Maj. Gilman's saw-mill, Dartmouth Cove, killing 4.	30 Sept., 1749
Saw-mill let to Capt. Wm. Clapham..	1750
<i>Alderney</i> arrived from Europe with 353 settlers .....	Aug., 1750
Town of Dartmouth laid out for the <i>Alderney</i> emigrants .....	Autumn, 1750
Order issued relative to guard at Dartmouth.....	31 Dec., 1750
Sergeant and 10 or 12 men ordered to mount guard during the nights at the Blockhouse, Dartmouth.....	23 Feb., 1751
Indians attacked Dartmouth, killing a number of the inhabitants .....	13 May, 1751
German emigrants arrived at Halifax, and were employed picketing the back of Dartmouth .....	July, 1751
Ferry established between Dartmouth and Halifax, John Connor, ferryman.	3 Feb., 1752
Mill at Dartmouth sold to Maj. Ezekiel Gilman .....	June, 1752



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Population of Dartmouth 193, or 53 families .....	July, 1752
Advertisement ordered for the alteration of the style .....	31 Aug., 1752
Permission given Connor to assign ferry to Henry Wynne and William Manthorne .....	22 Dec., 1752
Township of Lawrencetown granted to 20 proprietors .....	10 June, 1754
Fort Clarence built .....	1754
John Rock appointed ferryman in place of Wynne and Manthorne .....	26 Jan., 1756
Troops withdrawn from Lawrencetown by order dated .....	25 Aug., 1757
Dartmouth contained only 2 families ..	9 Jan., 1762
Philip Westphal (afterwards Admiral), born. ....	1782
Preston Township granted to Theophilus Chamberlain and 163 others, chiefly Loyalists. ....	15 Oct., 1784
Free negroes arrived at Halifax and afterwards settled at Preston .....	Apr., 1785
George Augustus Westphal (afterwards Sir) born .....	1785
Whalers from Nantucket arrived at Halifax .....	1785
Town lots of Dartmouth escheated in order to grant them to the Nantucket whalers (Quakers) .....	2 Mar., 1786
Grant of land at Preston to T. Young and 34 others .....	20 Dec., 1787
Common granted to inhabitants of Dartmouth .....	4 Sept., 1788





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First church at Preston consecrated (on "Church Hill") .....	1791
Free negroes departed for Sierra Leone. 15 Jan.,	1792
Nantucket whalers left Dartmouth ..	1792
Francis Green built house (afterwards "Maroon Hall ") near Preston .....	1792
Dartmouth, Preston, Lawrencetown, and Cole Harbour erected into Parish of St. John .....	Nov. 22, 1792
M. Danseville, governor of St. Pierre, arrived at Halifax (afterwards lived at "Brook House ") .....	20 June, 1793
Act passed to build bridge of boats across the Harbour .....	1796
Maroons arrived at Halifax (afterwards settled at Preston) .....	22 or 23 July, 1796
Subject of a canal between Minas Basin and Halifax Harbour brought before the legislature .....	1797
Col. W. D. Quarrell returned to Jamaica. Spring,	1797
Capt. A. Howe took charge of Maroons, Ochterlony having been removed ..	1797
John Skerry began running ferry ..	About 1797
Howe removed and T. Chamberlain appointed to superintend Maroons. .	9 July, 1798
Heavy storm, did much damage .....	25 Sept., 1798
Mary Russell killed by her lover, Thomas Bembridge, at her father's house, Russell's Lake .....	27 Sept., 1798
Bembridge executed at Halifax .....	18 Oct., 1798
Maroons left Halifax .....	Aug., 1800
"Maroon Hall " sold to Samuel Hart. .	8 Oct., 1801

Town of Dartmouth said to have contained only 19 dwellings .....	1809
S. Hart died at "Maroon Hall" (property afterwards sold to John Prescott). .....	1810
United States prisoners of war on parole at Dartmouth, Preston, etc. About,	1812-14
Terrible gale, much damage to shipping. 12 Nov.,	1813
Gov. Danseville left "Brook House" . . . . .	1814
Negroes arrived from Chesapeake Bay. 1 Sept.,	1814
Small-pox appeared in Dartmouth, Preston, etc. ....	Autumn, 1814
Margaret Floyer died at "Brook House" .....	9 Dec., 1814
Act passed to incorporate the Halifax Steamboat Co. ....	1815
Act passed allowing substitution of team-boats for steam-boats by the company just mentioned. ....	1816
Team-boat <i>Sherbrooke</i> launched. ....	30 Sept., 1816
The team-boat made its first trip. ....	8 Nov., 1816
Foundation-stone of Christ Church laid. 9 July,	1817
John Prescott died at "Maroon Hall" (property afterwards sold to Lieut. Katzmann) .....	1821
Ninety Chesapeake Bay negroes sent to Trinidad. ....	1821
Dartmouth Fire Engine Co. established. ....	1822
Lyle's and Chapel's shipyards opened. . . . .	About, 1823
Act passed to authorize incorporation of a canal company. ....	1824
Theophilus Chamberlain died. ....	20 July, 1824

Joseph Findlay became lessee of Creighton's ferry .....	About, 1824
Shubenacadie Canal Co. incorporated by letters patent .....	1 June, 1826
Ground first broken on canal, at Port Wallace .....	25 July, 1826
Consecration of church at Preston which had been built to replace the one consecrated in 1791 .....	1828
Congregation of Church of St. James (Presbyterian) formed .....	Jan. (?), 1829
St. Peter's Chapel commenced at Dartmouth .....	26 Oct., 1829
J. Findlay succeeded by Thos. Brewer at Creighton's Ferry .....	About, 1829-30
Sir C. Ogle launched (first steamboat on ferry) .....	1 Jan., 1830
Sixteen persons drowned by the upset- ting of one of the small ferry-boats.	14 Aug., 1831
Ferry steamboat <i>Boxer</i> launched .....	1832
Brewer retired, and Creighton's or the lower ferry ceased to exist .....	About, 1832-33
A. Shiels started Elenvale Carding Mill. ..	July, 1834
Cholera in Halifax .....	Aug. to Oct., 1834
William Foster built an ice-house near the Lakes .....	1836
"Mount Amelia" built by Hon. J. W. Johuston .....	About, 1840
Death of Meagher children, Jane Eliza- beth, and Margaret, in woods near Preston (bodies found 17 April) ..	April, 1842
Adam Laidlaw began ice-cutting on a large scale .....	1843

Dartmouth Baptist Church organized ..	29 Oct., 1843
Death of Lieut. C. C. Katzmam at "Maroon Hall" .....	15 Dec., 1843
Ferry steamboat <i>Micmac</i> built .....	1844
Dartmouth Baptist meeting-house opened .....	Sept., 1844
Cole Harbour Dyke Co. incorporated ..	28 Mar., 1845
Incorporation of Richmond Bridge Co. (J. E. Starr, A. W. Godfrey, etc.) for purpose of erecting bridge of boats across Harbour .....	14 April, 1845
Mechanics' Institute building erected ..	1845
Col. G. F. Thompson's wife, said to have been a cousin of the Empress Eugénie, died under suspicious cir- cumstances at "Lake Loon" .....	20 Sept., 1846
First regatta on Dartmouth Lake ....	5 Oct., 1846
Dr. Macdonald mysteriously disappeared	30 Nov., 1846
Mechanics' Institute building opened ..	7 Dec., 1846
Second church at Preston (in the "Long Swamp") destroyed by fire .....	June (?), 1849
Third C. of E. church built at Preston, near Salmon River .....	About, 1850-51
Shubenacadie Canal sold to government of N. S. (McNab, trustee) .....	1851-52
Inland Navigation Co. incorporated ..	4 April, 1853
Methodist Church dedicated at Dart- mouth .....	1853
Canal purchased by Inland Navig. Co.	10 June, 1854
Mount Hope Insane Asylum corner- stone laid .....	9 June, 1856

"Maroon Hall" burnt	June, 1856
Dartmouth Rifles and Engineers organized	Spring, 1860
Chebucto Marine Railway Co. formed by A. Pillsbury	1860
Gold discovered at Waverley	1861
Gold discovered at Lawrencetown	1862
Lake and River Navigation Co. purchased Canal	18 June, 1862
Dartmouth Rifles disbanded	1 July, 1864
Starr Manufacturing works commenced	1864
Dartmouth Axe and Ladder Co. formed	1865
Dartmouth Ropewalk began manufacturing	Spring, 1869
Ferry steamboat <i>Chebucto</i> built	About, 1869
Prince Arthur's Park Co. incorporated	1870
New St. James's Church (Presbyterian) built	1870
Lewis P. Fairbanks purchased the Canal from the Lake and River Navigation Co.	Feb., 1870
Population of town of Dartmouth, 3,786	1871
Dartmouth incorporated	30 April, 1873
Union Protection Co. organized	1876
Andrew Shiels, "Albyn," died	5 Nov., 1879
New Baptist Church opened	4 Jan., 1880
Sandy Cove bathing houses opened at Dartmouth	7 Aug., 1880
Foundation-stone of Woodside Refinery laid	3 July, 1883
Railway to Dartmouth commenced	1885



Railway opened for business .....	6 Jan., 1886
Halifax and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Co. formed, in place of old company. ....	1886
Woodside Refinery closed. ....	Dec., 1886
Ferry steamboat <i>Dartmouth</i> built .....	1888
Public Reading-Room opened .....	1 Jan., 1889
Dartmouth Ferry Commission formed .	17 April, 1890
Ferry Co. sells its property to the Commission .....	1 July, 1890
Several persons drowned on the arrival of the ferry-boat <i>Annes 2 (Halifax)</i> ..	11 July, 1890
New St. Peter's Chapel begun .....	Autumn, 1890
Act passed to provide for supplying Dartmouth with water and sewerage ..	19 May, 1891
Narrows railway bridge carried away ..	7 Sept., 1891
Trenching and laying the main water- pipe begun .....	3 Oct., 1891
Woodside Refinery again opened .....	1891
Population of town of Dartmouth, 6,252 .....	1891
St. Peter's new chapel opened .....	7 Feb., 1892
Dartmouth first lighted by electricity .	13 July, 1892
Water turned on the town from Topsail and Lamont's Lakes .....	2 Nov., 1892
Narrows bridge destroyed for second time .....	23 July, 1893
Woodside Refinery transferred to Acadia Sugar Refining Co. ....	Aug., 1893
New Post-office opened .....	1 May, 1894



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